

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday October 8, 2020, 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Others Attending: Zoe Hirsch, Prospect Lake Road

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:01am. The minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting were adopted (3-0) with one minor correction.
- 2) **Hirsch/Prospect Lake Road** Ms. Hirsch appeared before the Board with the following two complaints:
 - a) Director Haas did not investigate previous complaints from over a month ago of alleged violations of the mask Order by members of the Egremont PD and owner of the Prospect Lake Campground
 - b) Recent campground smoke emanating from campfires at the Prospect Lake Campground. Ms. Hirsch said the smoke emanating from over 150 campfires is causing foul air and health issues.

The Board requested an inspection of the Prospect Lake Campground at the earliest possible time to ensure that mask wearing as well as all sector specific COVID procedures are in place. As to campfire smoke, the state regulations on campfires allow campfires from aged, dry wood and are allowed “primarily for cooking” which does not exclude an open fire.

3) **Recent Field Work**

- a. Perc/Whites Hill Road/Juliette/new construction
- b. Title 5/139 Hillsdale Road/Ed/system is cesspool/waiting for water test results
- c. Installation inspection/Juliette/88 Hillsdale Road/final
- d. Installation inspection/Juliette/41 Whites Hill Road/final
- e. Title 5/31 Egremont Plain Road/Ed/conditional pass – needs new tank
- f. Title 5/165 Egremont Plain Road/Ed/conditional pass – needs new tank

4) **COVID 19**

Greenagers Remote Learning Center Building Inspector Ned Baldwin and Jim Schneider performed inspections and had issues with the location of children in their Inclement Weather Plan. Jayne Smith had a site meeting with Greenagers staff to make the necessary adjustments.

Positive Cases at Berkshire School Director Haas spoke to Nancy Slattery, PH Nurse for Sheffield, regarding the recent positive cases at Berkshire School. Nancy felt the cases shouldn't be reflected on the state map for Sheffield as students immediately left the campus and went to their place of residence. There was no known community spread on this cluster scenario.

SBRSD a joint meeting of SBRSD staff, School Committee members, BOHs in member towns has yet to be scheduled.

- 5) **Flu Clinic** The pre-registration for the October 19th flu clinic from 3:30 – 5:30 pm at French Park in Egremont is going well. Leslie Dragger, Egremont's PH nurse has stated she will stay 30 minutes longer if needed.
- 6) **Gopen/264 Egremont Plain Road** Septic system plans for the necessary upgrade were submitted by Kelly, Granger and Parsons. Director Haas has reviewed them. The Board granted approval.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm. The next meeting will be Thursday October 22nd.

Juliette S. Haas